

## A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

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| 1)  | <b>Program Operation</b>   | State-operated   |
| 2)  | <b>Number of Local Offices<br/>(excluding Agencies under<br/>Cooperative Agreements)</b> | 14   |
| 3)  | <b>Type of Agencies with Coopera-<br/>tive Agreements</b>                                | Support Enforcement Division of Superior Court, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Labor, Department of Children and Families   |
| 4)  | <b>Uniform Interstate Family Sup-<br/>port Act</b>                                       | No   |
| 5)  | <b>Agreements With Tribal<br/>Entities</b>   | No   |
| 6)  | <b>Age of Majority for<br/>Termination of Support</b>                                    | 18   |
| 7)  | <b>Statutes of Limitation:</b>   |  |
|     | • <b>Collection of Past Due Sup-<br/>port</b>  | None   |
|     | • <b>Paternity Establishment</b>   | 18 years   |
|     | • <b>Dormancy Revival/Renewal<br/>Possible [yes/no]</b>                                  | Yes  |
| 8)  | <b>Guidelines</b>  | Income shares  |
| 9)  | <b>Interest Rates on</b>   |  |
|     | • <b>Missed Payments</b>   | None   |
|     | • <b>Retroactive Support</b>   | None   |
|     | • <b>Adjudicated Arrearage</b>   | None   |
| 10) | <b>Arrearage Collections for<br/>Non-minor Child(ren)</b>                                | Yes; by liens, income withholding, civil and criminal action   |
| 11) | <b>Distribution Scheme</b>   |  |
|     | • <b>AFDC Arrears</b>  | First to current support; then to current payments on past-due support pay plans; then to delinquencies on current support obligations; then to delinquencies on past-due support pay plans; then to balances on past-due support. Collections distributed equally to multiple obligations at any priority level if insufficient to satisfy fully all obligations at that level. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Non-AFDC Arrears</b></li> </ul>                      | See AFDC arrears, above.   |
| <b>12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding</b>                         | Yes, by court order. "Medical Withholding Order for Support" form is signed by judge, family support magistrate, or clerk of court and served on employer of obligor who has been ordered to maintain health coverage. Employer must withhold employee's share of premiums for health coverage and pay to insurer. |
| <b>13) New Hire Reporting</b>  | Yes  |
| <b>14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan</b>  | No   |
| <b>15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State</b>  | No   |
| <b>16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s</b>   | Yes. CGS §46b-46 in dissolution of marriage, annulment, legal separation, and child custody cases; CGS §46b-160 in paternity cases.  |
| <b>17) Automated Locate Resources</b>  | Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Labor, Department of Corrections, IV-A/Medicaid database   |
| <b>18) Enforcement Options</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State Income Tax Refund Intercept</b></li> </ul>     | Yes  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>License Revocation/ Suspension</b></li> </ul>        | Yes  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Administrative Liens</b></li> </ul>                  | Yes  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Property Seizure &amp; Sale</b></li> </ul>           | Foreclosure under administrative lien process only   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State Funds/Benefits (please specify)</b></li> </ul> | Lottery winnings, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other (please specify)</b></li> </ul>                |  |
| <b>19) Spousal Maintenance Orders (specify yes or no)</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Establish</b></li> </ul>                             | Yes, in interstate cases   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enforce</b></li> </ul>                               | Yes, in interstate cases   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Modify</b></li> </ul>                                | Yes, in interstate cases   |

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| 20) <b>Current Spouse/Partner Information Required</b> | No |
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## B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

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| 1) <b>State Code Citation</b>                        | None |
| 2) <b>Effective Date</b>                             | NA   |
| 3) <b>Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.</b> | NA   |
| 4) <b>Repeal URESA?</b>                              | NA   |
| 5) <b>Repeal IWW?</b>                                | NA   |

## C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

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| 1) <b>Income Withholding Terminology</b>   | Wage withholding, income withholding  |
| 2) <b>Income Withholding Procedures</b>  |   |
| • <b>State Withholding Limits</b>  | The first \$135 of disposable earnings are exempt.  |
| • <b>Fee Charged by Employers</b>  | None  |
| • <b>Date to Remit</b>   | Within 10 days of the date the obligor is paid; first remittance no later than the first pay period occurring 14 days after service of the withholding order. |
| • <b>Penalty</b>   | Liable to the obligee for the full amount of earnings not withheld since receipt of proper notice in an action therefor.                                      |
| 3) <b>Definition of Employer</b>   | Any person, including the labor commissioner, who owes earnings to an obligor   |
| 4) <b>Included Income</b>  | Wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, retirement benefits, unemployment compensation   |
| 5) <b>Excluded Income</b>  | Any payments other than debts accruing to an obligor by reason of his personal services   |
| 6) <b>Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address</b> | No  |

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| 7)  | <b>Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address</b>                    | No   |
| 8)  | <b>Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address</b> | No   |
| 9)  | <b>Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to</b>         | All  |
| 10) | <b>Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)</b>                        | IV-D Directors need not answer this question.  |
| 11) | <b>Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding</b>                                | Delivery of a signed claim form to clerk of court  |
| 12) | <b>Arrearages through Income Withholding</b>                                       | Yes  |
| 13) | <b>Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income</b>                         | Yes  |
| 14) | <b>Exception to Immediate Withholding</b>  | Yes; good cause (best interests of child and proof of timely payment on previous orders); written agreement for alternative arrangement  |
| 15) | <b>Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities</b>                                 |  |
|     | • <b>Policy</b>  | Current support has priority over arrearage payments. Multiple withholdings allocated in proportion to the amount of the orders.   |
|     | • <b>Priority</b>  | Child support wage withholdings have priority over other wage executions.  |
|     | • <b>Assistance</b>  | Child Support Information and Problem Resolution Unit, Connecticut Judicial Branch, 25 Sigourney Street (8th floor), Hartford, CT 06106-5033; FAX 860-951-2996; TELEPHONE 1-800-228-5437 |
|     | • <b>Allocation</b>  | Yes  |

## D. PATERNITY

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| 1) | <b>Interstate Paternity Procedures</b> | Support Enforcement Division attempts to secure voluntary acknowledgment of paternity; case law permits paternity finding pursuant to URESA process; genetic tests may be ordered. |
|    | <b>Consent Orders Obtained</b>         | Mother and father must sign notarized affirmation and acknowledgment of paternity, respectively, and father must receive notice of rights.   |

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| 2)  | <b>Uniform Parentage Act</b>  | No   |
| 3)  | <b>Uniform Act on Blood Testing</b>   | No   |
| 4)  | <b>Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support</b>                          | Only if father signs voluntarily.  |
| 5)  | <b>Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction</b>              | No   |
| 6)  | <b>Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity</b>                             | Yes, rebuttable  |
|     | <b>Threshold</b>  | 99%  |
| 7)  | <b>Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)</b> | Conclusive   |
| 8)  | <b>Marriage as Presumption of Paternity</b>   | Yes  |
| 9)  | <b>Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of</b>                       | None   |
| 10) | <b>Other Statutory Presumptions</b>   | No   |
| 11) | <b>Recognition of Common Law Marriage</b>   | No   |
| 12) | <b>Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required</b>                  | No   |
|     | <b>Acceptable Methods of Testimony</b>  | Discretion of court  |
| 13) | <b>Long-Arm Statute</b>   | CGS §46b-160. Court must find actual notice and one of 3 jurisdictional bases which exist if the putative father resided in Connecticut and while residing here: (1) paid prenatal expenses for the mother and support for the child; (2) resided with the child and held himself out as the father of the child; or (3) paid support for the child and held himself out as the father of the child. Answer form, notice, application for appointment of counsel, and financial affidavit must accompany petition served on putative father; genetic tests may be ordered; default order may be entered. |
| 14) | <b>Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes</b>                     |  |
|     | • <b>Service of Process</b>   | Yes  |
|     | • <b>Genetic Testing</b>  | No   |
| 15) | <b>Recovery of Genetic Testing</b>  | Yes  |

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## E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

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| 1) <b>Interstate Procedures</b>                 | URESA petitions sent to central registry. Support enforcement division docket case in family support magistrate division of superior court, notifies attorney general as petitioner's representative, sets a hearing, and issues a summons to the respondent or files an agreement to support.  |
| 2) <b>Income Considered for Setting Support</b> | <b>Net income</b> of custodial and noncustodial parents. <b>Net income equals gross income minus allowable deductions. Gross income includes:</b> salary and wages, including overtime; commissions, bonuses, tips and perquisites; rental income after deduction of reasonable and necessary expenses; estate or trust income; royalties; interest, dividends, and annuities; social security (excluding Supplemental Security Income (SSI)), veterans, unemployment and workers' compensation, retirement, pension, and other benefits; net proceeds from contractual agreements; self-employment earnings, after deduction of all legitimate business expenses; alimony being paid by an individual who is not a party to the support determination; unearned income from all sources; in-kind compensation (any basic maintenance or special need such as food, shelter, or transportation provided on a recurrent basis in lieu of salary). <b>Gross income does not include:</b> support received on behalf of a child who is living in the home of the parent whose income is being determined; and federal, state, and local public assistance grants. <b>Allowable deductions are:</b> federal, state, and local income tax withholding payments, based upon all allowable exemptions; social security taxes or, in lieu thereof, mandatory retirement plan deductions for an amount not to exceed the maximum amount permissible under social security; medical, hospital, dental, or health insurance premiums for the parent and his or her legal dependents other than the child whose support is being determined, provided the parent provides the name of the insurer and the policy number; mandatory union dues or fees, including initiation; unreimbursed work-related child day care costs incurred by either parent for the child whose support is being determined; court-ordered alimony and child support payments for individuals not involved in the support determination, provided such payments are shown on the parent's financial affidavit, and provided further that a deduction for such payments may be disallowed in whole or in part if the court finds that they are not being made. |
| 3) <b>Criteria for Rebuttal</b>                 | Other financial resources available to a parent; extraordinary expenses for care and maintenance of the child; extraordinary parental expenses; needs of a parent's other dependents; coordination of total family support; special circumstances. See §46b-215a-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for more detail.  |
| 4) <b>Support Order for Prior Periods</b>       | Yes (3 year limit for paternity cases)  |

## **F. ENFORCEMENT**

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

### **I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER**

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| 1) <b>Enforcement for Non-Resident Family</b>                          | Same as for resident family   |
| 2) <b>Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available</b>             | Yes; federal and state income tax refund withholding, liens, withholding lottery winnings, reporting overdue support to consumer reporting agencies |
| 3) <b>Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration</b> | Yes; wage withholding, contempt citation, license suspension.   |

### **II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES’ ORDERS**

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| 4) <b>Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration</b> | Wage withholding  |
| 5) <b>Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration</b>                    | Any of those listed above in "Enforcing Your Own Order", including modification   |
| 6) <b>UIFSA/URES A Registration and Enforcement Procedure</b>                   | URES A registration. Support enforcement division registers order, notifies obligor by certified mail, docket s case in family support magistrate division of superior court, and notifies attorney general as petitioner's representative. Obligor has 20 days to petition court to vacate the registration or for other relief. If he does not, the registered support order is confirmed and is subject to the same procedures, defenses and proceedings for reopening, modification, vacating or staying as an order issued in Connecticut, and may be enforced and satisfied in the same manner. |
| 7) <b>Judicial Procedures Required after Registration</b>                       | None  |
| 8) <b>Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation</b>                 | Yes; CGS §§52-604 to 52-609, inclusive  |

## **G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS**

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|----|---|---|
| 1) | <b>Jurisdiction Requirements</b>                  | URES A  |
| 2) | <b>Modification Procedures</b>                    | Direct interstate referral form requesting review and adjustment of order to local Support Enforcement Division office. Support Enforcement Division will prepare appropriate motions if jurisdiction can be obtained, and notify requesting jurisdiction of results.   |
| 3) | <b>Criteria for Modification</b>                  | Substantial change in the circumstances of either party or substantial deviation of existing support order from child support guidelines amount (15% deviation rebuttably substantial)  |
| 4) | <b>Criteria for Change of Circumstances</b>       | Addition or removal of a child resulting from the child's emancipation or changed household residence, consolidation or modification of orders after a paternity acknowledgment or adjudication, or birth of a child after a dissolution of marriage; establishment of a current support order if only an arrearage order exists; change of unallocated order when the children now reside with different custodial relatives; custody modifications and payee changes when required to ensure proper collection.   |
| 5) | <b>Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted</b> | Every 3 years in AFDC and foster care cases; upon request of the IV-D agency, either parent, or guardian in all cases.  |
| 6) | <b>Criteria for Review</b>                        | <b>In AFDC and foster care cases</b> , 36 months have elapsed since establishment of order or most recent review and none of the following circumstances exist: case closure criteria met; good cause granted; review not in the best interests of the child and neither party has requested a review. <b>In non-AFDC cases</b> : a minimal order was entered due to the absent parent's unemployment or underemployment and new employment is discovered at greatly increased wages; significant income or assets are discovered resulting in current order deviating 15% or more from the child support guidelines; a written request for review is received stating the factual basis for the request; AFDC is granted to a child of the parties; an additional child is born to the parties; there has been a change in physical and/or legal custody; medical support needs to be established, except in cases where medical support rights only are assigned to the state, and neither parent has requested a review. |
| 7) | <b>Criteria for Adjustment</b>                    | See Criteria for Modification, above.   |

## H. MULTIPLE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

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| 1) | <b>Controlling Order</b>         | Not a UIFSA state.  |
| 2) | <b>Date of Controlling Order</b> | Not applicable  |
| 3) | <b>If No Controlling Order</b>   | Not applicable  |
| 4) | <b>Arrears Procedure</b>         | Arrears pursuant to any registered order will be enforced as stated in Item #5 in Section F, "Enforcement". Arrears are not modifi- |

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|  | able, except with respect to any period during which there is a pending motion for modification from the date of service of notice of such pending motion upon the opposing party. |
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## I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

| ACTION REQUESTED                                      | DOCUMENTS NEEDED   | # of Copies of each document | Certification required for each document<br><br>*See below |
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| Establishment of Paternity and Support                | Standard interstate forms  | 3                            | A  |
| Enforcement of Responding State's Order               | Standard interstate forms; pre-existing orders and modifications; initiating state's statute; obligee's signed, verified statement showing post office address of obligee, last known residence and post office address of obligor, amount of support remaining unpaid, description and location of any of obligor's property available upon execution, and list of states in which order is registered; IV-D application or certification of the state making registration request; payment directions of the state making the registration request; and notarized or certified affidavit of arrears showing monthly/weekly breakdown | 3                            | C  |
| Modification of Responding States' Orders             | Same as for enforcement with addition of sworn statement by requesting party alleging substantial change in circumstances or 15% deviation from Connecticut's child support guidelines and a sworn statement of <i>weekly</i> income and expenses, including any day care and medical expenses, and information on any other child support orders.   | 3                            | C  |
| Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order   | Same as for enforcement of responding state's order  | See above                    | See above  |
| Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order | Same as above  | See above                    | See above  |
| Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders           | Same as above  | See above                    | See above  |

| <b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>                      | <b>DOCUMENTS NEEDED</b>  | <b># of<br/>Cop-<br/>ies<br/>of<br/>each<br/>docu-<br/>ment</b> | <b>Certifi-<br/>cation<br/>required<br/>for each<br/>docu-<br/>ment<br/><br/>*See<br/>below</b> |
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| Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act | Filings not accepted in IV-D cases   | NA  | NA  |
| Modification of Another State's Order        | Same as for enforcement  | See<br>above  | See<br>above  |
| Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case | Letter giving names of petitioner and respondent, all identification numbers, and the Connecticut judicial district involved | 1   | E   |
| Assistance/Discovery                         | Same as above  | 1   | E   |
| Quick Locate                                 | Standard interstate Locate Data Sheet  | 1   | E   |

*\*A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;  
C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);  
E= Certification not required*

## J. State Contact Chart

| ASSISTANCE NEEDED   | CONTACT<br><br>Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)   |
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| State Information Agent   | John T. Keegan, Director, Support Enforcement Division, 287 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118-1885, (860) 569-6233, FAX-(860) 569-6557   |
| Central Registry  | Catherine Scordino, Coordinator of Central Registry, Support Enforcement Division, 287 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118-1885, (860) 569-6274, FAX-(860) 569-6557                    |
| Interstate Policy Contact (if different)  | Charisse Hutton, Deputy Director of Program Operations, Support Enforcement Division, 287 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118-1885, (860) 569-6233, FAX-(860) 569-6557                 |
| Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process  | David Mulligan, Policy Consultant, Department of Social Services, Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5033, (860) 424-5269, FAX-(860) 951-2996 |
| Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)   | Mark Hennessey, Department of Social Services, Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5033, (860) 424-5261, FAX-(860) 951-2996                    |
| Contact to Obtain Payment Records   | Referring local office in CT initiating cases, local Support Enforcement Division office in CT responding cases   |
| Contact to Obtain Copy of Order   | Local Support Enforcement Division office or central registry; issuing court (fee will be charged)  |
| Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no "case" in your State) for |   |
| · Service of Process  | Local Support Enforcement Division office   |

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| (private process server? If so, list)   |   |
| . Genetic Testing<br><br>(e.g., assistance with interstate<br>teleconferencing)           | NA  |
| New Hire Reporting Contact  | David Mulligan, Policy Consultant, Department of Social Services, Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5033, (860) 424-5269, FAX-(860) 951-2996 |
| Employer Assistance Contact   | Child Support Information and Problem Resolution Unit, Connecticut Judicial Branch, 25 Sigourney Street (8th floor), Hartford, CT 06106-5033; 1-800-228-5437, FAX-(860) 951-2996        |
| Telephone Number for Automated<br>Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests<br><br>(if any)  | Automated NA; manual requests to local Support Enforcement Division office to which case is sent or central registry  |
| Telephone Number for Automated<br>Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests<br><br>(if any) | Automated NA; manual requests to Fleet Bank, Child Support Payment Processing Unit, 1-800-698-0572  |
| Privatization Contact   | Brian Belanger, Field Coordinator, Department of Social Services, Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5033, (860) 424-5254, FAX-(860) 951-2996 |